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- 1. AS REFTEL PROVIDING SECRETARY'S REPORT ON MIDDLE EAST TRIP RECEIVED AFTER COB AUG 18, WE ONLY ABLE BRIEF FSFA AUG 19. DEPUTY DIRECTOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS CRNJAK PROMISED PASS INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC WHO TRAVELING WITH TITO. HE ASSURED US TITO WOULD BE INFORMED.
- 2. WE USED SAME OCCASION TO RAISE YUGOSLAV PRESS DISTORTIONS ON PUERTO RICO AND U.S. ROLE IN SOMALIA. TANJUG DESPATCHES REPORTING ON C-24 WERE CARRIED HERE UNDER HEADLINES "PUERTO RICO SEEKS INDEPENDENCE". AND AFTER TARRING U.S. WITH FUELING SOMALIA-ETHIOPIA DISPUTE VIA ARMS SUPPLIES, YUGOSLAV PRESS HAS FAILED TO REPORT ANNOUNCED USG DECISION TO HOLD BACK ON ACTUAL DELIVERY IN VIEW OF FIGHTING.
- 3. OUR DEMARCHE ON PUERTO RICO WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE IF WE HAD KNOWN CURRENT ROLE OF YUGOSLAV DELEGATION IN C-24. AS GENERAL RULE, THE MORE UP-TO-DATE READOUTS WE CAN GET ON MANEUVERING OVER KEY MULTILATERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUES, THE BETTER WE CAN MAKE OUR SUPPORT HERE. AND AGAIN AS GENERAL RULE, WE TRUST DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE SAME VIGOROUS LINE ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES WITH YUGOSLAVS IN WASHINGTON AS WE DO IN BELGRADE. WORTZEL

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